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SUBJ: GOP THREATENS DISMISSAL OF ALL GOVERNMENT-EMPLOYED
FISHERMEN

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1. MOST FISHING BOATS REMAINED AT ANCHOR OCTOBER 19 AND 20 WHILE LEADERS OF THE FISHERMEN'S FEDERATION REQUESTED AN AUDIENCE WITH FISHERIES MINISTER ADMIRAL FRANCISCO MARIATEGUI "IN ORDER TO RENEW DIALOGUE". FISHING UNIONS ASSERT THAT THE JULY PESCA PERU DECISION TO SELL OFF ITS FISHING FLEET AND MODIFY THE EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP OF FISHERMEN TO PESCA PERU REPRESENTED A DRASTIC CUT IN EARNED RIGHTS AND BENEFITS. UNION LEADERS TELL FISHERMEN THAT PESCA PERU HAS INFORMED THEM THAT THEY ARE HENCEFORTH TO BE PAID ONLY FOR THE CATCH WITH OFF-SEASON WAGES ELIMINATED (FISHERMEN HAVE BEEN ON PESCA PERU DOLE DURING OFF SEASON). FISHERMEN CLAIM FURTHER THAT THEY ARE BEING SENT TO SEA BEFORE THE ANCHOVETA ARE MATURE, THEREBY DAMAGING FUTURE FISHING PROSPECTS. IN ADDITION TO THE ECONOMIC CONFRONTATION WITH GOP, THE FISHERMEN'S UNION DEMANDS THE RELEASE FROM PRISON OF 15 UNION LEADERS, SOME OF WHOM HAVE BEEN DETAINED FOR ALMOST TWO MONTHS.

2. FOLLOWING ON THE HEELS OF ITS SUCCESS IN FORCEFULLY
BREAKING THE MUNICIPAL WORKER STRIKE (HUNDREDS OF LABOR ACTIVISTS
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AND STRIKE LEADERS ARE APPARENTLY BEING DISMISSED BY MUNICIPAL-

ITIES THROUGHOUT PERU), THE GOP REFUSED TO BARGIN WITH THE FISHERMEN'S UNION (REFTEL). INSTEAD THE FISHERIES MINISTRY ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE LATE OCTOBER 20 AUTHORIZING PESCA PERU. PESCA PERU IS THEN AUTHORIZED TO REHIRE THOSE FISHERMEN "WHO DESIRE TO EFFECTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN ANCHOVETA FISHING UNDER CONDITIONS SET BY PESCA PERU".

3. THE ABOVE MEASURES, IF CARRIED OUT, WOULD ENABLE THE GOP TO CLEAR OUT UNION LEADERS AND ACTIVISTS FROM THE FISHERMEN'S FEDERATION AS WELL AS TO ACCOMPLISH THE RADICAL REDUCTION IN WORKFORCE DESIRED BY PESCA PERU. THE GOP IS APPARENTLY CONCERNED THAT FISHERMEN WILL REACT STRONGLY TO THE CONTRACT TERMINATION THREAT. UNION SOURCES TELL THE EMBASSY THAT MARINE ARMORED VEHICLES ARE PATROLLING THE CIUDAD DEL PESCADOR AREA WHERE FISHERMEN LIVE. ADDITIONAL ARRESTS OF UNION ACTIVISTS ARE SAID TO BE IN PROGRESS IN CALLAO, CHIMBOTE AND OTHER PORTS. WE HAVE HEARD, BUT HAVE NOT YET CONFIRMED, THAT THE GOP HAS IMPOSED AN 8 P.M. CURFEW ON CHIMBOTE.
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